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1. [redacted] I discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick the letter we had received from the House Committee on Un-American Activities requesting our views on three House proposals to establish a Freedom Academy and Freedom Commission. Inasmuch as our report on these bills will be essentially the same as the report that is now pending with the Bureau of the Budget on a similar Senate bill, it was decided that no action would be taken on the HCUA letter until we receive BOB clearance on the Senate report. We have been in touch with the HCUA staff on this.

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2. [redacted] I called Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and told him, as I was sure he knew, we stood ready to brief our Subcommittee on the Cuban situation, if they should desire it. Darden said he was sure the Chairman knew this but he would mention our call to him.

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3. [redacted] I talked with [redacted] NED/OSI, regarding an inquiry I had received from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff with regard to the [redacted] indicated that the State Department was negotiating a visit to [redacted] in May but was trying to play this down in this country in an attempt to assure their success in arranging the visit. [redacted] suggested that if JCAE pressed us on this we merely indicate that this is being handled at the diplomatic level rather than at the intelligence level.

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4. [redacted] Mr. Joseph Castellano, of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, called and asked if we could provide information on political-educational programs conducted by this Agency. Castellano said that a member of Congress had asked the Library to obtain this information from the military, FBI and from the Agency. I suggested to him that this sounded more like something that should be discussed with either USIA or ICA and that we had no general information which we could give on this. I indicated, however, that if the congressman concerned had a specific question which he wished to direct to this Agency, we would be glad to consider it.

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